

HDTV technology should not reduce the rights and freedoms previously protected for consumers. A consumer must be able to exercise rights under copyright law regardless of whether receiving equipment is NTSC/VCR or HDTV/DVR. Consumers have the right to record television for private home use, and to exercise copyright fair use provisions. To use technology to prevent consumers from exercising legal viewing and recording rights would be a major step backward. It's unfair to consumers to grant them fair and legal rights on the one hand, but deny them the technical ability to use those rights on the other. Please remember that copyright protection works both ways; not only does it protect the copyright holder's rights, it protects the consumer's rights to copyrighted content.